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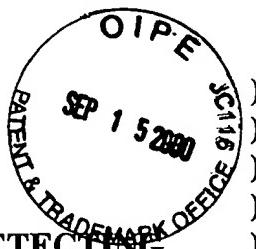
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TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING
 THE PRESENCE OF TARGET
 BACTERIA OR A TARGET
 COMPONENT
 CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN
 THEREOF

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